*Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* For the same reasons and same spiri as regards to item No. 3 I oppose this demand. The idea is only to suggest to the Government that in spite of spending a nominal figure of Rs. 7,500 why not the Government consider the desirability of tiling this colony houses so that that section of our brothers may, with the help of Government, be able to house in tiled houses which afterall is nothing objectionable for them. Thus the money spent for this recurring expenditure can be avoided. You will have only to look through the P. C. R. works then, and this amount can be utilised for it. Only a small portion will be necessary for that. There will also be an additional advantage of these brothers of ours being housed in tiled houses, at least in small tiled houses. It was to put this idea into the heads of Government that I took up this attitude and oppose this motion and I hope the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to suitably respond to the very helpful suggestion that I made.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have been able to see only a few of these colony houses in certain places and most of them, I have found, are thatched houses with low roofing and the rafters are mostly of the bamboo. I am not quite sure whether tiling these houses will be equitable to the colonies themselves because the roofs are not very high and there is no ceiling. I should rather think they will prefer thatched houses. Anyhow I shall enquire whether they will prefer tiled houses. The difficulty is that if these houses are to be tiled the shape of these houses will have to be changed considerably. That means immense expenditure. We will look into the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Please look into it.

Demand put and carried

8. Under "10—Stamps—Refunds"

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government) :* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,929 under "10—Stamps—Refunds".

The budget estimate for 1120 under "X—Stamps—Refunds" was Rs. 4,000 and the actual expenditure for the year came to Rs. 7,929. The excess of Rs. 3,929 has to be met by additional allotment. The increase is due to the increased sale of stamp papers during 1120. I hope the House will be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

9. Under "16—1—Huzur Secretariat—T. A."

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 1,500 under "16—1—Huzur Secretariat—T. A. for the officers of the Secretariat".

Out of the budget provision of Rs. 8,500 under "16—Huzur Secretariat—T, A. of the officers of the Secretariat" a sum of Rs. 4,000 has been spent already. It is expected that in view of the T. A. to be paid to the two Secretaries to Government in connection with their tour to Delhi, the balance available will not be sufficient for expenditure in the remaining part of the year. A sum of Rs. 1,500 more will be required under the head. This has to be sanctioned as additional allotment. I request the House will be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, the purpose of these tours of the Secretaries?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I attended two meetings. One related to the bringing into force of Third Party Risks Insurance in the case of Motor Vehicles. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the possibility of bringing reciprocity between British and Indian States in this regard. The general sense of the meeting was that it was possible. We have already in our Motor Vehicles Act provided for this. That is to be brought into force with effect from next Chingam probably. It may have to be advanced on account of the fact that in British India it will be brought into force from 1st July.

Another meeting I attended was to enquire into the necessity and advisability of controlling the prices of Cocoanut Oil and other cocoanut products. It was certainly a very important subject about which this State is concerned and I am glad that our stand that the prices of cocoanut oil and other cocoanut produces should be fixed not arbitrarily and in hostile but only

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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